



Agenda Date: 8/22/07  
Agenda Item: VII A

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
**Two Gateway Center**  
**Newark, NJ 07102**  
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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

DAWN MATTHEWS, PETITIONER	)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION
	)	SETTLEMENT
V.	)	
	)	
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS	)	BPU DOCKET NO. GC07010010U
COMPANY, RESPONDENT	)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 950-07

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On January 16, 2007, Dawn Matthews (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board disputing the bill of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (Respondent) for utility services.

After the filing of Respondent's answer, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Donald J. Stein.

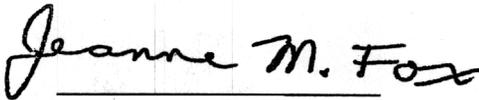
While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and reached a settlement that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision submitted to the Board on July 26, 2007, to which the settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Stein found that the agreement was voluntary, that its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy and that it met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

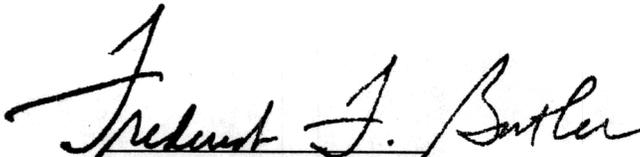
Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, Respondent has issued a credit to Petitioner's account in the amount of \$1,425.57 leaving a past due amount of \$1,000.00. In return, Petitioner has agreed to pay \$100.00 per month, beginning on August 20, 2007, and continuing for 10 months until the past due amount is paid in full. Petitioner will also continue to pay the current budget payment of \$200.00 per month until May 2008, at which time the budget amount will be recalculated.

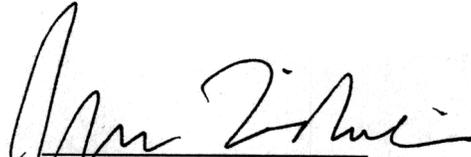
After review and consideration, the Board FINDS that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable. Therefore, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and the Settlement Agreement in their entirety, incorporating the terms thereof into this final decision as if fully set forth at length herein.

DATED: 8/22/07

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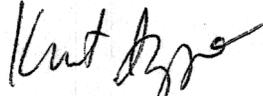
  
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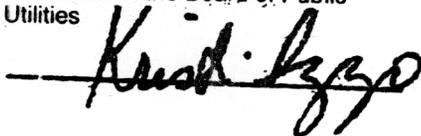
  
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ATTEST:

  
KRISTI IZZO  
SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



**DAWN MATTHEWS**  
**v.**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY**

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**OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 950-07**

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

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**DAWN MATTHEWS,**

Petitioner,

v.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC**

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**AND GAS COMPANY,**

*Wst. AG*  
Respondent.

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Dawn Matthews, petitioner, pro se

Sheree Kelly, Esq., for respondent

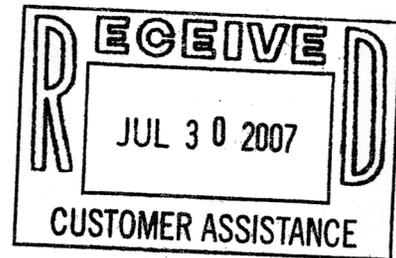
Record Closed: July 16, 2007

Decided: July 19, 2007

BEFORE DONALD J. STEIN, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on March 1, 2007, for determination as a contested case, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 to -13.

The parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a Stipulation of Settlement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.



have reviewed the record and the terms of settlement and **FIND:**

1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures.
2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

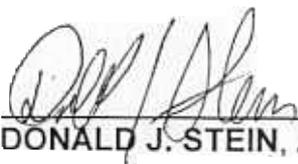
I **CONCLUDE** that this agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that the settlement should be approved. I approve the settlement and therefore **ORDER** that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that these proceedings be concluded.

hereby **FILE** my initial decision with the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** for consideration.

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This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**, which by law is authorized to make final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five (45) days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10

July 19, 2007  
DATE

  
DONALD J. STEIN, ALJ

Date Received at Agency: 7/26/07



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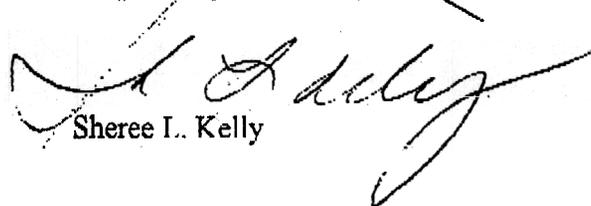
Honorable Donald J. Stein  
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Re: Dawn Matthews v. PSE&G  
OAL Docket No. PUCCC 00950-2007S  
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Dear Judge Stein:

Enclosed please find a signed Stipulation of Settlement with reference to the above-captioned matter. This will confirm no appearance will be necessary for the hearing tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sheree I. Kelly

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cc: Dawn Matthews  
Edward B. Sullivan

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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This matter having been brought before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities by the Petitioner, Dawn Matthews ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") and transferred to the Office of Administrative Law before the Honorable Donald J. Stein, A.L.J., for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the Petitioner at 113 Linden Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102, and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

- 1. As of May 29, 2007, balance was \$2,444.54
- 2. PSE&G will credit Petitioner's account with \$1,425.57, leaving a past due amount of \$1,018.97
- 3. Petitioner agrees to pay \$100 per month beginning August 20, 2007 and continuing for ten (10) months thereafter until the past due amount is paid in full
- 4. Petitioner will continue to pay the current budget payment of ~~\$242.00~~ <sup>8200 CO. 54</sup> per month until May 2008, when the budget amount is re-calculated.

Petitioner Dawn Matthews

Respondent

By: Dawn Matthews  
Dawn Matthews

By: Edward B. Sullivan  
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Manager Customer Operations

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A copy of the administrative law judge's  
decision is enclosed.

This decision was mailed to the  
parties on JUL 24 2007